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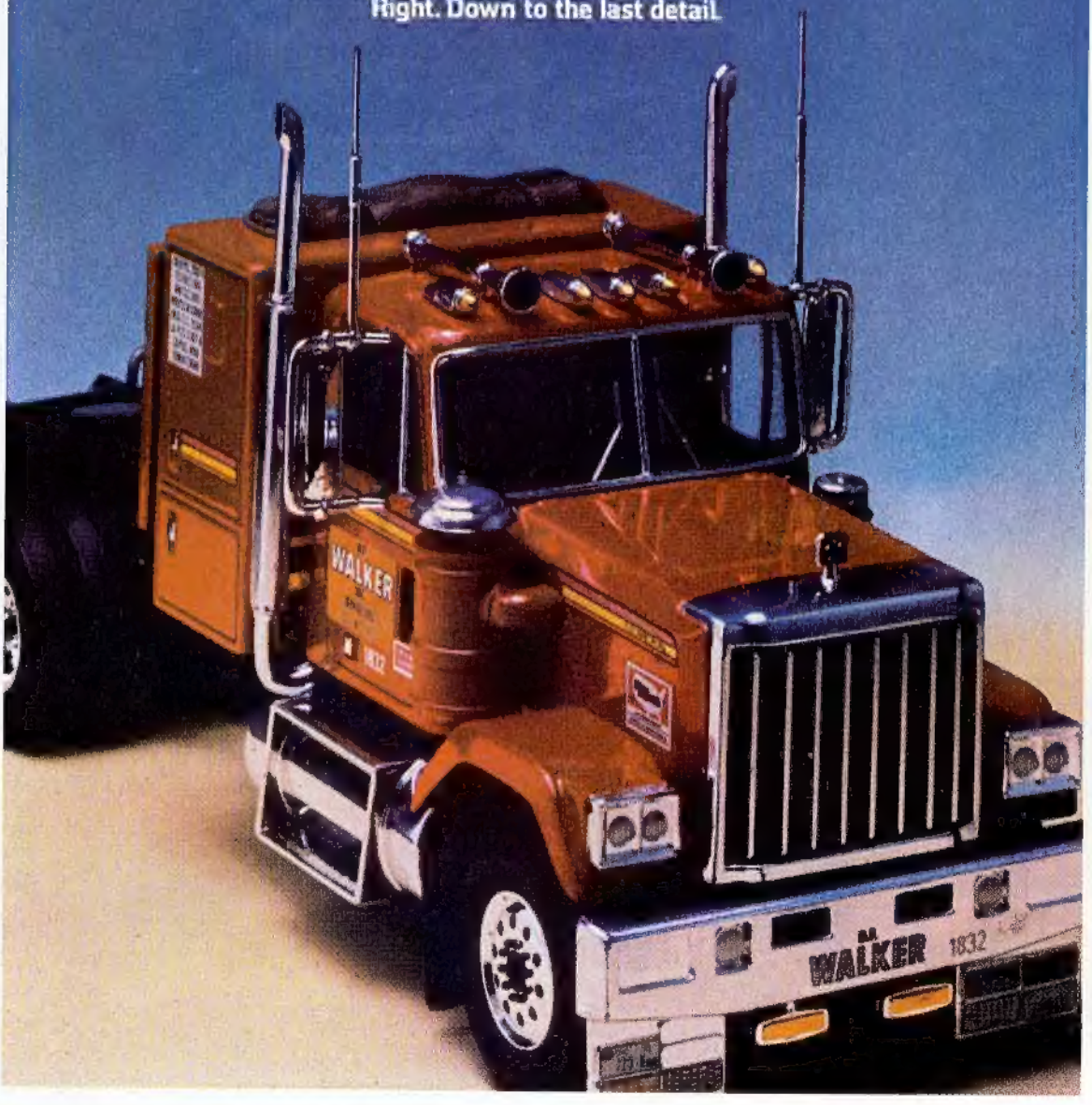

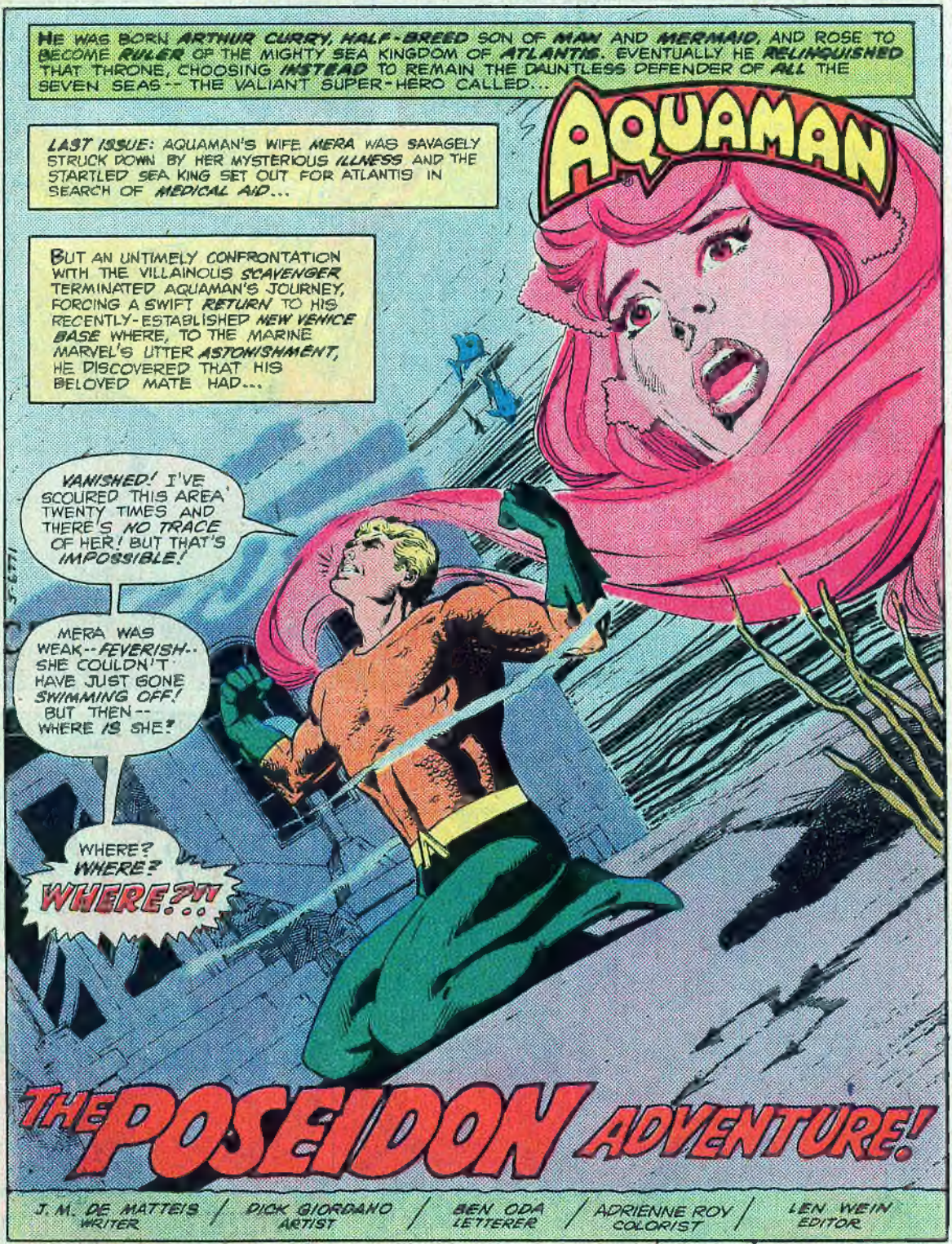
HE WAS BORN ARTHUR CURRY, HALF-BREED SON OF MAN AND MERMAID, AND ROSE TO BECOME RULER OF THE MIGHTY SEA KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS. EVENTUALLY HE RELINQUISHED THAT THRONE, CHOOSING INSTEAD TO REMAIN THE DAUNTLESS DEFENDER OF ALL THE SEVEN SEAS -- THE VALIANT SUPER-HERO CALLED...
AQUAMAN
LAST ISSUE: AQUAMAN'S WIFE MERA WAS SAVAGELY STRUCK DOWN BY HER MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS AND THE STARTLED SEA KING SET OUT FOR ATLANTIS IN SEARCH OF MEDICAL AID...
BUT AN UNTIMELY CONFRONTATION WITH THE VILLAINOUS SCAVENGER TERMINATED AQUAMAN'S JOURNEY, FORCING A SWIFT RETURN TO HIS RECENTLY-ESTABLISHED NEW VENICE BASE WHERE, TO THE MARINE MARVEL'S UTTER ASTONISHMENT, HE DISCOVERED THAT HIS BELOVED MATE HAD...
VANISHED! I'VE SCOURED THIS AREA TWENTY TIMES AND THERE'S NO TRACE OF HER! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
MERA WAS WEAK--FEVERISH--SHE COULDN'T HAVE JUST GONE SWIMMING OFF! BUT THEN -- WHERE IS SHE?
WHERE? WHERE? WHERE?!!
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COULD ONE OF MY ENEMIES HAVE ALREADY DISCOVERED THIS NEW HEADQUARTERS AND ABDUCTED HER?
FATHER NEPTUNE -- IT CAN'T BE SO! HAVEN'T MERA AND I SEEN ENOUGH SUFFERING? HAVEN'T WE PAID A HIGH ENOUGH PRICE?
INDEED YOU HAVE, MY SON...
... BUT IF YOU EXPECT MY AID, YOU MUST FIRST ADDRESS ME BY MY PROPER NAME! I'VE ALWAYS FOUND NEPTUNE TO BE LACKING IN DRAMA AND STRENGTH...
...CALL ME POSEIDON -- GOD OF THE OCEANS!
GODS, ALTHOUGH HE HAS OFTEN CALLED UPON THEM IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, AQUAMAN NEVER ONCE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE A REPLY. HE IS, AFTER ALL, HALF-HUMAN, AND THE SKEPTICAL SAILOR'S BLOOD OF HIS FATHER RUNS, EVEN NOW, THROUGH HIS VEINS...

... AND, LIKE OLD TOM CURRY, AQUAMAN HAS FOUND ONLY TWO THINGS IN LIFE TRULY WORTHY OF WORSHIP: ONE, THE SPRAWLING SEA ITSELF...
...THE OTHER, THE MOST SACROSANCT UNION CALLED FAMILY...
YOU -- WHOEVER YOU ARE -- WHERE IS SHE?!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH MY MERA?

... WHICH LEAVES PRECIOUS LITTLE ROOM FOR OTHER DEITIES ON THE ALTAR OF HIS HEART...
COME ON, GOON -- TALK!
MY SON -- YOUR ACTIONS ARE RASH -- THEY STEM FROM EMOTION -- NOT LOGIC...
...AND SO I WILL FORGIVE YOU...

...THIS TIME!
SUCH P-POWER -- TEARING THROUGH MY BRAIN -- SAPPING MY WILL -- THROWING ME BACK -- UNCONTROLLABLY...
... WHAT IS THIS...?!
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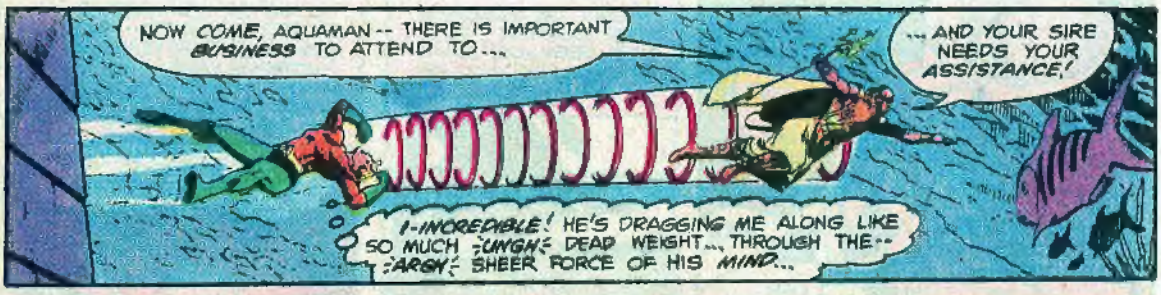
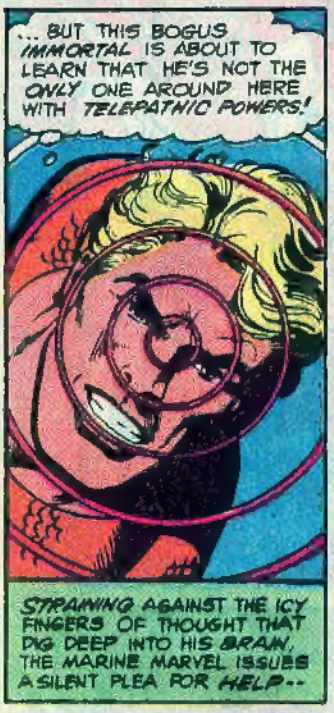

NOW COME, AQUAMAN -- THERE IS IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO...
...AND YOUR SIRE NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE!
I-INCREDIBLE! HE'S DRAGGING ME ALONG LIKE SO MUCH :UNGH: DEAD WEIGHT... THROUGH THE-- :ARGH: SHEER FORCE OF HIS MIND...


...BUT THIS BOGUS IMMORTAL IS ABOUT TO LEARN THAT HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE WITH TELEPATHIC POWERS!
STRAINING AGAINST THE ICY FINGERS OF THOUGHT THAT DIG DEEP INTO HIS BRAIN, THE MARINE MARVEL ISSUES A SILENT PLEA FOR HELP--

--A PLEA THAT IS ANSWERED IMMEDIATELY BY FOUR DEADLY FORMS THAT CLEAVE THE WATER, BLOODLUST DAZZLING THEIR OTHERWISE DIM EYES...
YOU AMUSE ME, CHILD, WITH YOUR ANTICS! BUT WHAT MUST I DO TO PROVE TO YOU THAT I AM--IN TRUTH-- POSEIDON...

...AND THAT THE CREATURES OF THE SEVEN SEAS OBEY MY DICTATES...

...ABOVE ALL OTHERS?!
OOF!
WHUP!
SHOCK! FOR A MOMENT AQUAMAN CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS HAPPENING. BUT THEN, THE FOUR HAMMERHEADS POUND HIS BODY MERCILESSLY, SHAKING OFF HIS URGENT COMMANDS LIKE SO MUCH FROZEN MIST...

...AND HE BELIEVES...
I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THAT, AQUAMAN -- BUT IT WAS NECESSARY. I TRUST THAT YOU WILL COME ALONG QUIETLY NOW!
Y-YES...

...AT LEAST UNTIL I'VE FOUND OUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH MY WIFE, MANIAC!
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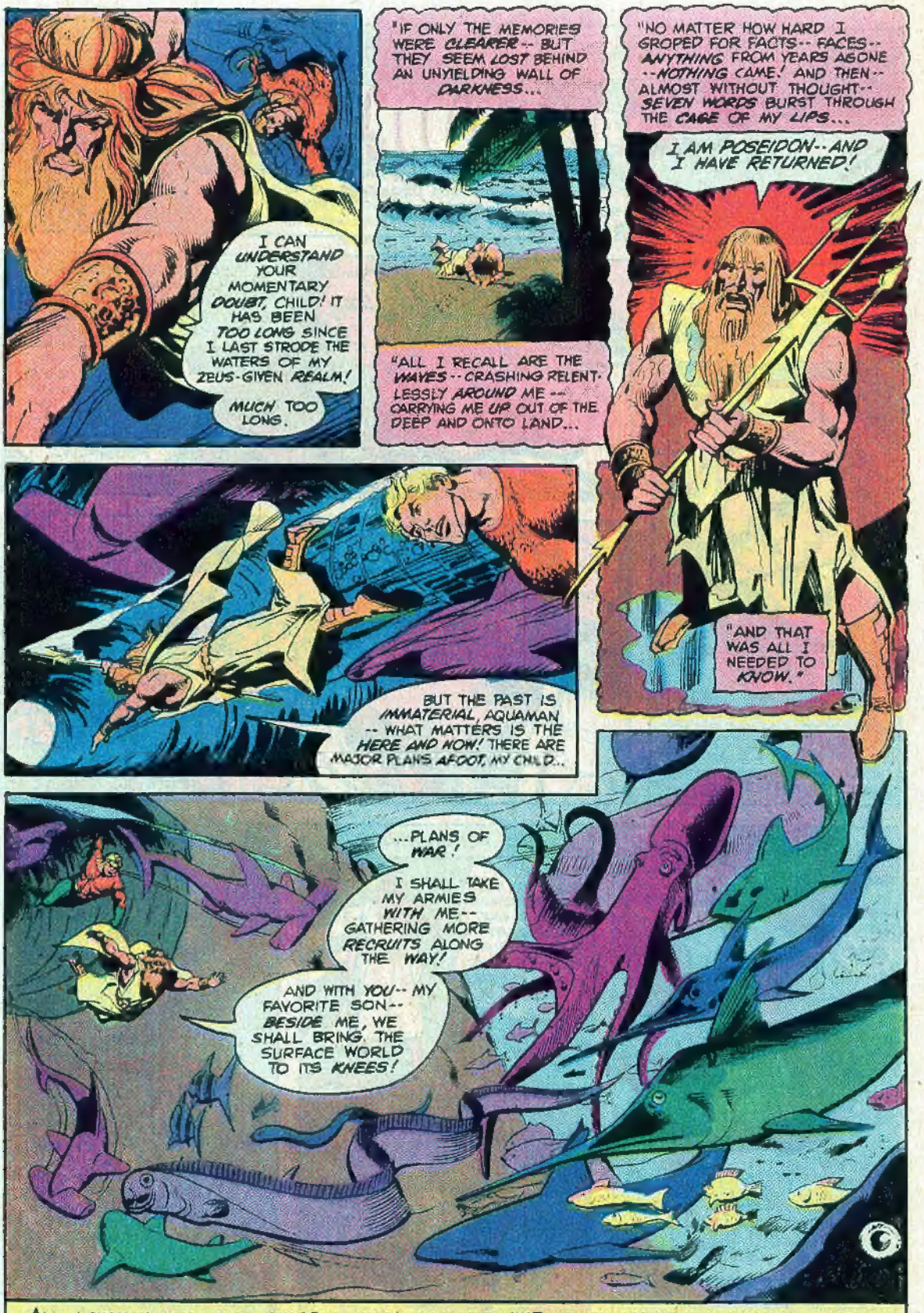
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR MOMENTARY DOUBT, CHILD! IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG SINCE I LAST STRODE THE WATERS OF MY ZEUS-GIVEN REALM!
MUCH TOO LONG.
"IF ONLY THE MEMORIES WERE CLEARER -- BUT THEY SEEM LOST BEHIND AN UNYIELDING WALL OF DARKNESS...
"ALL I RECALL ARE THE WAVES -- CRASHING RELENTLESSLY AROUND ME -- CARRYING ME UP OUT OF THE DEEP AND ONTO LAND...
"NO MATTER HOW HARD I GROPED FOR FACTS -- FACES -- ANYTHING FROM YEARS AGONE -- NOTHING CAME! AND THEN -- ALMOST WITHOUT THOUGHT -- SEVEN WORDS BURST THROUGH THE CAGE OF MY LIPS...
I AM POSEIDON -- AND I HAVE RETURNED!
"AND THAT WAS ALL I NEEDED TO KNOW."
BUT THE PAST IS IMMATERIAL, AQUAMAN -- WHAT MATTERS IS THE HERE AND NOW! THERE ARE MAJOR PLANS AFOOT, MY CHILD...
...PLANS OF WAR!
I SHALL TAKE MY ARMIES WITH ME -- GATHERING MORE RECRUITS ALONG THE WAY!
AND WITH YOU -- MY FAVORITE SON -- BESIDE ME, WE SHALL BRING THE SURFACE WORLD TO ITS KNEES!

ALL AQUAMAN CAN DO IS STARE, IN OPEN-MOUTHED AWE, AT THE UNDERSEA ARMADA THAT POSEIDON HAS AMASSED HERE...

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...STARE... AND THEN, EXPLODE!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MERA--DO YOU? IF YOU DID, SHE'D BE HERE--ANOTHER PUPPET TO DANGLE HELPLESSLY FROM YOUR STRINGS!
I WAS SO BLINDED BY MY CONCERN FOR MY WIFE THAT I DIDN'T SEE IT BEFORE--BUT IT'S CLEAR NOW! YOU'RE DANGEROUS, POSEIDON...
...PERHAPS THE MOST DANGEROUS THREAT TO PEACE THE DEEP HAS EVER...
---KNOWN...?!
YOU SPOKE OF PUPPETS? AND PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT...
...SO DANCE, LITTLE PUPPET...
...DANCE TO YOUR MASTER'S TUNE...
...DANCE UNTIL YOU LEARN HUMILITY!
IT IS NOT HUMILITY, BUT THE HOT FLUSH OF HUMILIATION THAT SUFFUSES THE SEA KING'S CHEEKS AS HIS BODY JERKS AND SPASMS TO POSEIDON'S MENTAL ORDERS...
IT IS A HUMILIATION THAT FILTERS DOWN INTO EVERY LAST HOLLOW OF AQUAMAN'S PSYCHE, A HUMILIATION HE WILL NEVER FORGET...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR RELUCTANCE TO SERVE, MY SON! I ASSUMED THAT YOU WOULD SURELY UNDERSTAND!
IN MY ABSENCE, THE WORLD ABOVE HAS GONE MAD--THE AIR-BREATHERS HAVE HEAPED UNTOLD INDIGNITIES UPON MY KINGDOM...
...AND FOR THAT, THE HUMAN RACE MUST BE EXTINGUISHED--STARTING WITH THE VILE CITY THAT DARES MINGLE SO CLOSELY WITH MY PRECIOUS OCEANS...
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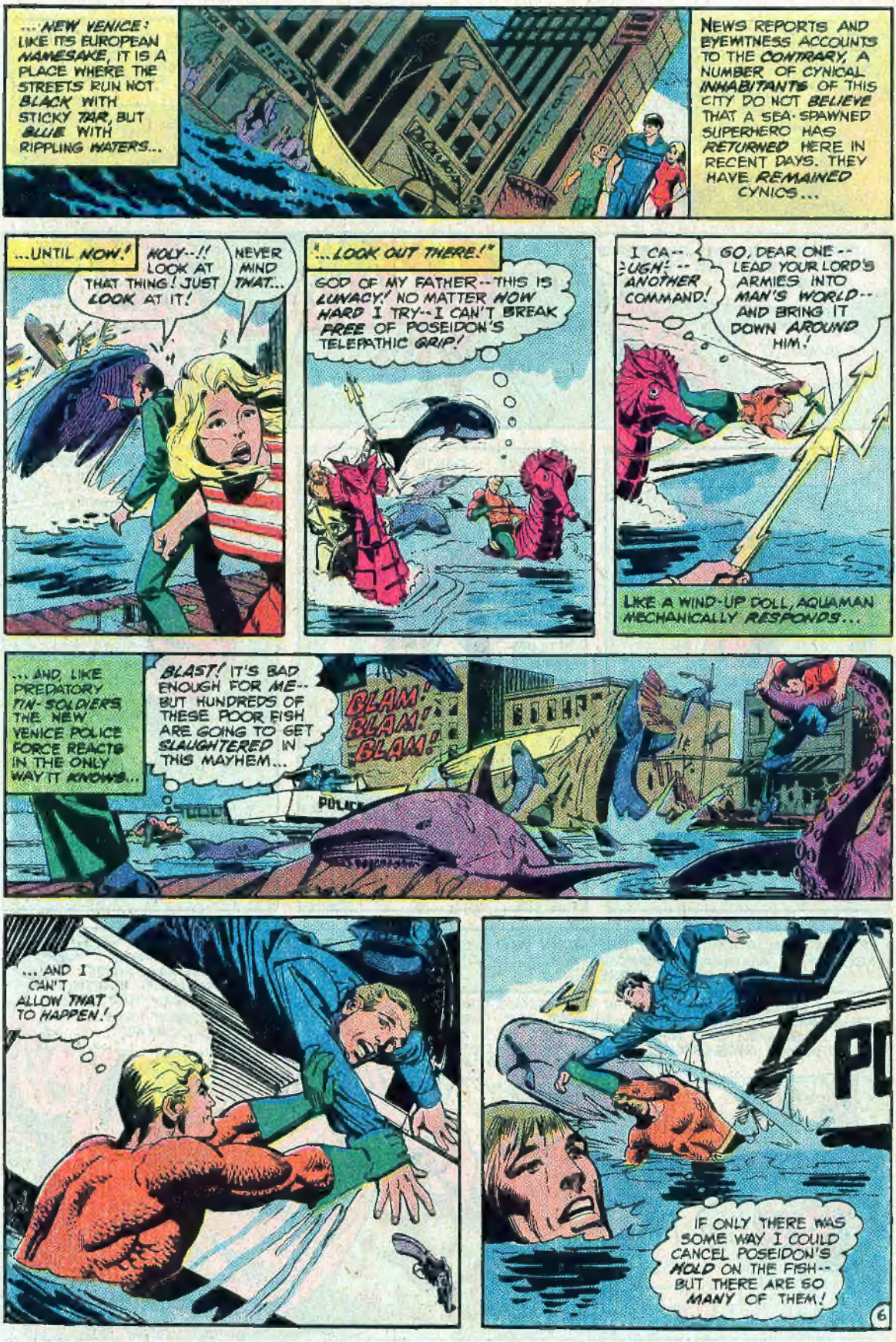
...NEW VENICE: LIKE ITS EUROPEAN NAMESAKE, IT IS A PLACE WHERE THE STREETS RUN NOT BLACK WITH STICKY TAR, BUT BLUE WITH RIPPLING WATERS...
NEWS REPORTS AND EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS TO THE CONTRARY, A NUMBER OF CYNICAL INHABITANTS OF THIS CITY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A SEA-SPAWNED SUPERHERO HAS RETURNED HERE IN RECENT DAYS. THEY HAVE REMAINED CYNICS...
...UNTIL NOW!
HOLY--!! LOOK AT THAT THING! JUST LOOK AT IT!
NEVER MIND THAT...
"...LOOK OUT THERE!"
GOD OF MY FATHER--THIS IS LUNACY! NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY--I CAN'T BREAK FREE OF POSEIDON'S TELEPATHIC GRIP!
I CA--UGH! --ANOTHER COMMAND!
GO, DEAR ONE--LEAD YOUR LORD'S ARMIES INTO MAN'S WORLD--AND BRING IT DOWN AROUND HIM!
LIKE A WIND-UP DOLL, AQUAMAN MECHANICALLY RESPONDS...
...AND, LIKE PREDATORY TIN-SOLDIERS THE NEW VENICE POLICE FORCE REACTS IN THE ONLY WAY IT KNOWS...
BLAST! IT'S BAD ENOUGH FOR ME--BUT HUNDREDS OF THESE POOR FISH ARE GOING TO GET SLAUGHTERED IN THIS MAYHEM...
BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
POLICE
...AND I CAN'T ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN!
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY I COULD CANCEL POSEIDON'S HOLD ON THE FISH--BUT THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM!
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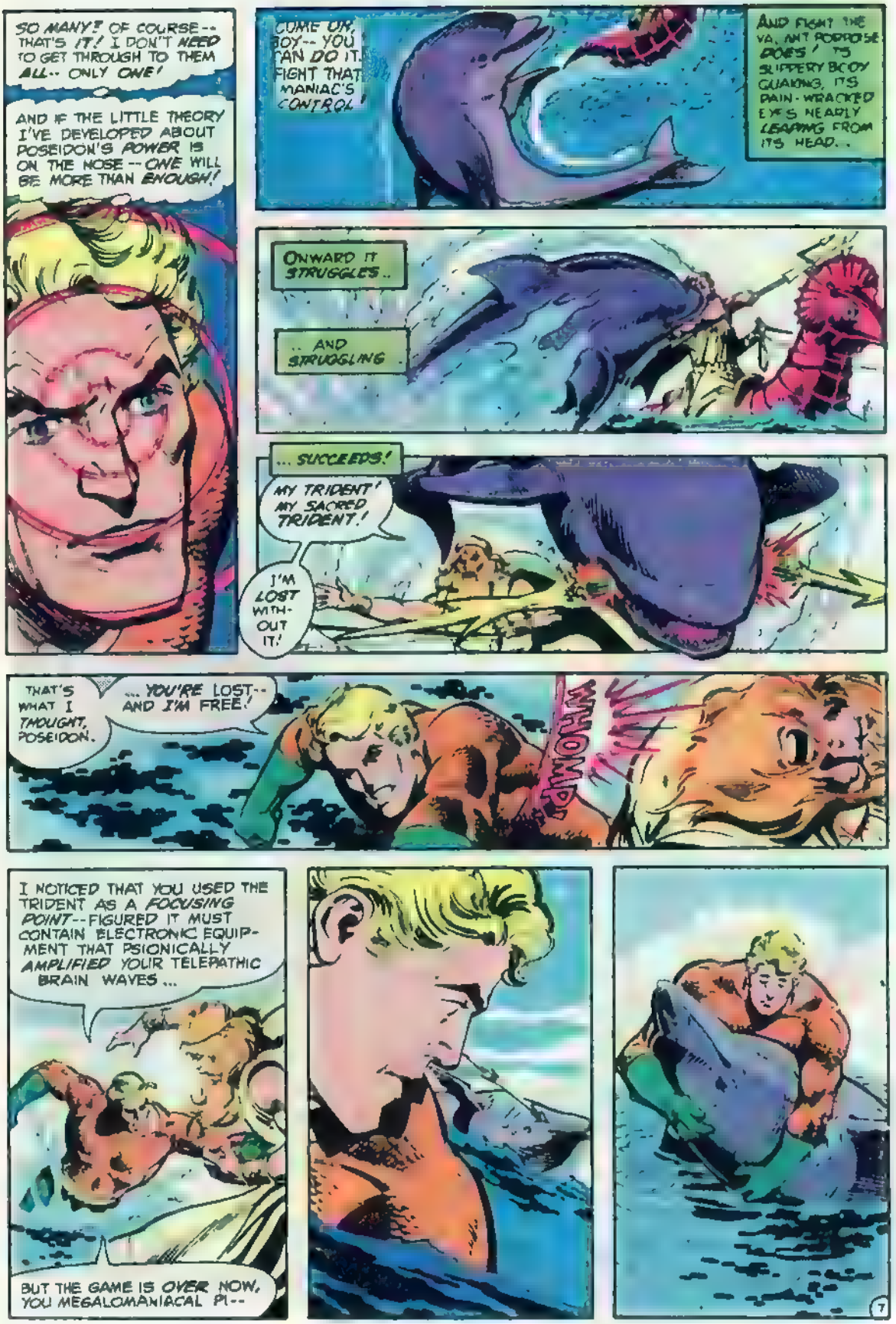
SO MANY? OF COURSE -- THAT'S IT! I DON'T NEED TO GET THROUGH TO THEM ALL -- ONLY ONE!
AND IF THE LITTLE THEORY I'VE DEVELOPED ABOUT POSEIDON'S POWER IS ON THE NOSE -- ONE WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH!
COME ON, BOY -- YOU CAN DO IT. FIGHT THAT MANIAC'S CONTROL
AND FIGHT THE VA, ANT PORPOISE DOES! ITS SLIPPERY BODY QUAKING, ITS PAIN-WRACKED EYES NEARLY LEAPING FROM ITS HEAD...
ONWARD IT STRUGGLES..
.. AND STRUGGLING
... SUCCEEDS!
MY TRIDENT! MY SACRED TRIDENT!
I'M LOST WITH-OUT IT!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, POSEIDON.
... YOU'RE LOST -- AND I'M FREE!
WHOMP
I NOTICED THAT YOU USED THE TRIDENT AS A FOCUSING POINT -- FIGURED IT MUST CONTAIN ELECTRONIC EQUIP-MENT THAT PSIONICALLY AMPLIFIED YOUR TELEPATHIC BRAIN WAVES ...
BUT THE GAME IS OVER NOW, YOU MEGALOMANIACAL PI --
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POSEIDON, HIS SOURCE OF STRENGTH DESTROYED IS GONE NOW LOST TO THE CHAOS AND HIS VICIOUS WAR FORCE HAS FRAGMENTED ONCE MORE INTO GROUPS OF CONFUSED AND FRIGHTENED AQUARIANS

BUT THERE IS ONE MORE CONFUSED AND FRIGHTENED THAN ANY OTHER

THAT PATHETIC PORPOISE WAS SO TORN BETWEEN TWO MASTERS THAT IT ACTUALLY DIED FROM THE PRESSURES ON ITS NERVOUS SYSTEM!

AND I'M AS RESPONSIBLE AS POSEIDON WAS

TODAY I LEARNED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE MANIPULATED -- TO BE DEGRADED AND STRIPPED OF ALL HONOR!

GOD HELP ME -- IS THAT WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING TO MY BROTHERS OF THE SEA ALL THESE YEARS? I'VE USED THEM TO GA--

HE STOPS

HE SEES

OH

BUT HE CAN NOT BELIEVE

FOR THEY HAVE COME BY THE DOZENS BY THE HUNDREDS TO PARADE AS ONE, PAST THIS TORMENTED MAN THIS MAN WHO HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO THEM FOR SO LONG. THEY HAVE READ THE ANGUISH IN HIS SPIRIT AND THEY WISH, IN THEIR OWN WAY TO ALLAY IT

AND, AS HE STANDS PROUDLY FIGHTING THE TORRENT OF TEARS DEMANDING RELEASE, AQUAMAN UNDERSTANDS: THIS IS NOT A QUESTION OF ONE LIFE-FORM MANIPULATING ANOTHER FAR FROM IT THIS IS A QUESTION OF A BOND THAT TRANSCENDS WORDS, OF A LOYALTY THAT KNOWS NO LIMITS...

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...AND FLOWN TO A PARAPET HIGH ABOVE THE PLAZA.
THEY'RE YOUR TRAINED PIGEONS, GOLDEN RAVEN?
YES, MINE! AND THEY'LL HOLD YOU HERE UNTIL THE GOLD STATUE IN RAVENSWOOD SQUARE IS ALSO MINE.
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STARMAN
FEEL MY POWER, STARMAN! FOR NOW THAT I HOLD MN'TORR'S STAFF, I HOLD YOUR LIFE IN MY HANDS--
--AND WHEN YOUR LAST SCREAM HAS SOUNDED, MY THEFT OF THE IMPERIAL THRONE SHALL BE COMPLETE!
CONSIDER THIS: IF STARMAN LOSES, LORD PROTECTOR OSWIN WILL BE EMPEROR... AND HIS FIRST IMPERIAL ACT WILL BE TO EXECUTE THE SOLAR SENTINEL...
IF STARMAN WINS, THE EMPRESS CLYSSA REGAINS HER CROWN... THE CROWN SHE WANTS TO SHARE WITH STARMAN. BUT THE INSTANT SHE LEARNS HE'S HER BROTHER, SHE'LL SIGN HIS DEATH WARRANT.
EITHER WAY, STARMAN IS DOOMED!
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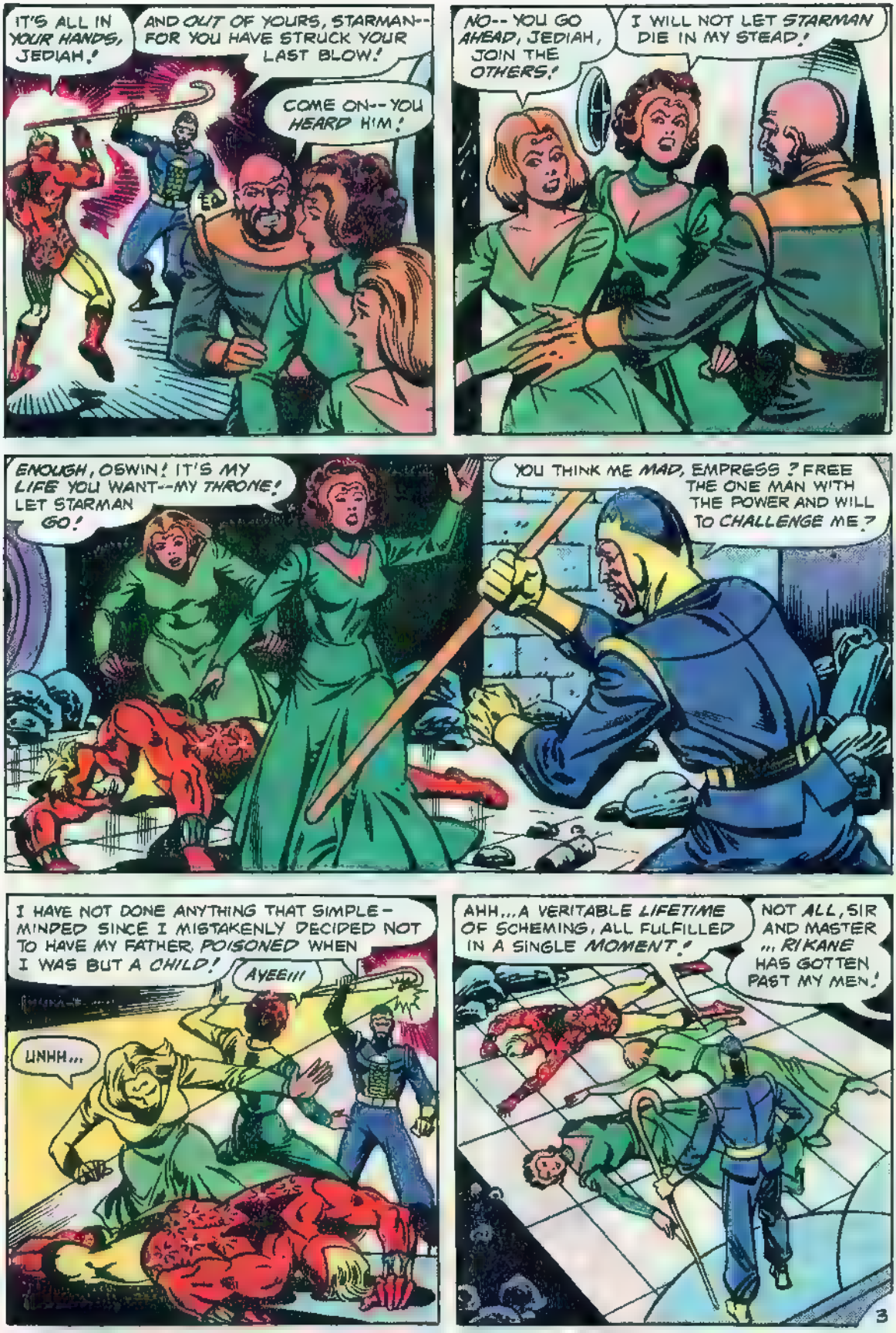
JEDIAH! MERRIA! HELP HIM-- STARMAN'S COLLAPSING!
I WOULD LOVE TO HELP HIM, MY EMPRESS -- BUT HOW?
IF STARMAN'S POWER CANNOT STAND AGAINST LORD OSWIN--
-- THERE IS NO WAY FOR US TO EVEN DREAM OF STOPPING HIM!
QUITE SO! YOU WERE A FOOL TO OPPOSE MY SCHEMES, JEDIAH RIKANE, BUT NOW YOU ARE AT LAST SHOWING WISDOM!
I HAVE LET NOTHING STAND BETWEEN ME AND THE CROWN--NO OPPORTUNITY HAS NOT BEEN SEIZED!
BUT THE MOST UNSOUGHT ALLIES HAVE PROVED THE MOST DECISIVE IN THE END!
UHHH...
ONE MOMENT THE CREATURE CALLED MN'TORR STOOD BEFORE ME, CHALLENGING MY POWER--
--THEN HE WAS SUDDENLY STRICKEN, TAKEN FROM THIS WORLD BY HIS OWN PEOPLE WHO CALLED HIM TRAITOR--
--AND HIS MIGHTY STAFF OF POWER WAS MINE--
EEEEARRRG!
I CAN'T HOLD HIM LONG, JEDIAH!
GET THE EMPRESS AND MERRIA OUT OF HERE--NOW!


IT'S ALL IN YOUR HANDS, JEDIAH!
AND OUT OF YOURS, STARMAN-- FOR YOU HAVE STRUCK YOUR LAST BLOW!
COME ON-- YOU HEARD HIM!
NO-- YOU GO AHEAD, JEDIAH, JOIN THE OTHERS!
I WILL NOT LET STARMAN DIE IN MY STEAD!
ENOUGH, OSWIN! IT'S MY LIFE YOU WANT--MY THRONE! LET STARMAN GO!
YOU THINK ME MAD, EMPRESS? FREE THE ONE MAN WITH THE POWER AND WILL TO CHALLENGE ME?
I HAVE NOT DONE ANYTHING THAT SIMPLE-MINDED SINCE I MISTAKENLY DECIDED NOT TO HAVE MY FATHER, POISONED WHEN I WAS BUT A CHILD!
AYEEE!!!
UNHH...
AHH... A VERITABLE LIFETIME OF SCHEMING, ALL FULFILLED IN A SINGLE MOMENT!
NOT ALL, SIR AND MASTER ... RIKANE HAS GOTTEN PAST MY MEN!
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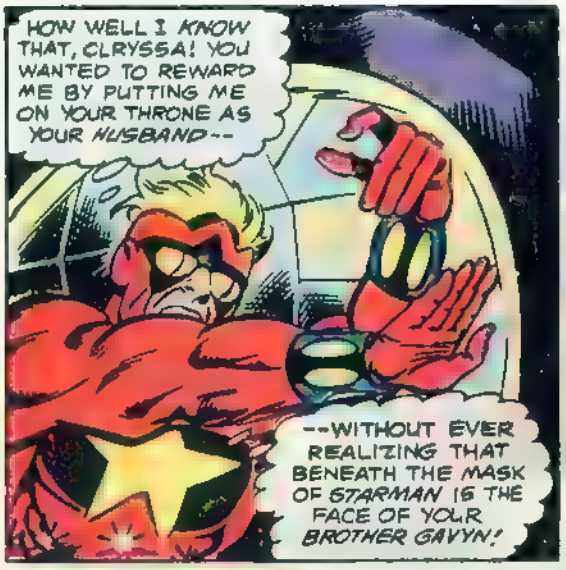
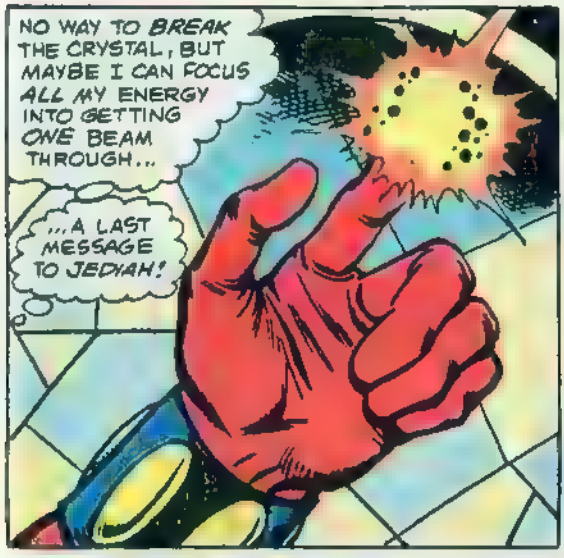
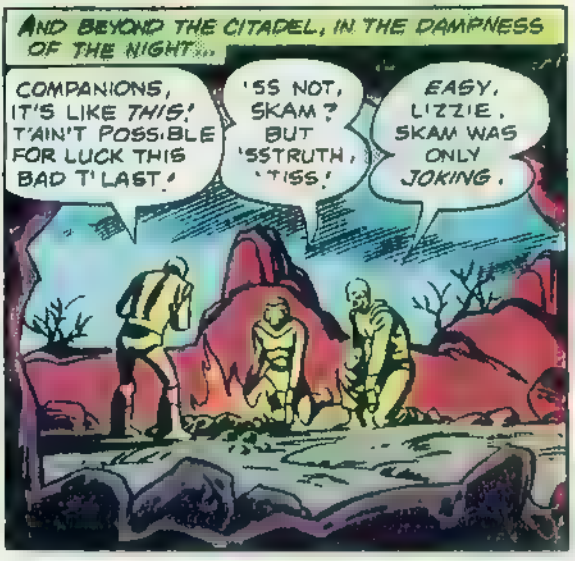
STARMAN'S OTHER TWO CONFEDERATES WERE GUARDING THE PARAPETS--ALL THREE HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE CITADEL.
NO MATTER, COMMODORE RYCHEN, YOU MAY HAVE FAILED TO KEEP THEM WITHIN MY WALLS, BUT THEY CAN HARDLY LEAVE MY PLANET...
...AND IT IS MY PLANET! JUST AS IT IS NOW MY IMPERIUM!
THEN THE EMPRESS IS DEAD AT LAST?
NOT QUITE YET.
I HAVE WAITED SO LONG FOR CLRYSSA'S PASSING, NOW I CHOOSE TO WAIT A FEW MOMENTS MORE.
I HAVE A FEW THINGS FOR YOU TO DO FIRST...
YET THE MOMENTS SEEM TO TURN TO HOURS-- AT LEAST IN ONE DARK ROOM BENEATH THE EMBATTLED WALLS...
SORRY, YOUR MAJESTY, BUT IT'S NO USE!
THIS REFRACTIVE CRYSTAL OSWIN WHIPPED UP WITH MN'TORR'S STAFF ABSORBS EVERY ERG OF RADIATION I THROW AT IT!
I STILL HAVE ALL MY SOLAR POWERS, BUT THEY'RE NO HELP TO US NOW.
OUR ONLY HOPE IS IF OSWIN MAKES A MISTAKE...
...AND HE HAS NOT MADE ONE YET, HAS HE, STARMAN?
EVEN IF YOU WILL NOT FACE THE TRUTH, I WILL! I SHALL NEVER SIT ON THE ONYX THRONE AGAIN!
DON'T SAY THAT, EMPRESS!
YOU ARE BRAVE, LADY MERRIA... BUT NOT WISE.
THE WISE KNOW WHEN THEY HAVE LOST.
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, BOTH OF YOU... AND I TRULY WOULD HAVE REWARDED YOU BOTH NOBLY HAD WE BUT SURVIVED THIS NIGHT.


HOW WELL I KNOW THAT, CLRYSSA! YOU WANTED TO REWARD ME BY PUTTING ME ON YOUR THRONE AS YOUR HUSBAND--
--WITHOUT EVER REALIZING THAT BENEATH THE MASK OF STARMAN IS THE FACE OF YOUR BROTHER GAVYN!

I DON'T KNOW HOW I'VE FOOLED YOU THIS LONG, CLYRSSA--BUT I KNOW ONE THING NOW! IT'S YOU I MUST ESCAPE AS WELL AS OSWIN!
I DARE NOT EVEN LET MY LOVELY LADY MERRIA KNOW HOW IT'S TO BE DONE... NOT YET!




AND BEYOND THE CITADEL, IN THE DAMPNESS OF THE NIGHT...
COMPANIONS, IT'S LIKE THIS! T'AIN'T POSSIBLE FOR LUCK THIS BAD T'LAST!
'SS NOT, SKAM? BUT 'SSTRUTH, 'TISS!
EASY, LIZZIE. SKAM WAS ONLY JOKING.

I ONLY WISH THERE WAS MORE TO JOKE ABOUT. IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE ABOUT HAD IT!
JEDIAH, T'AIN'T THE TIME T'BE GIVIN' UP! NOT NOW, LEASTWAYS--
LOOK!

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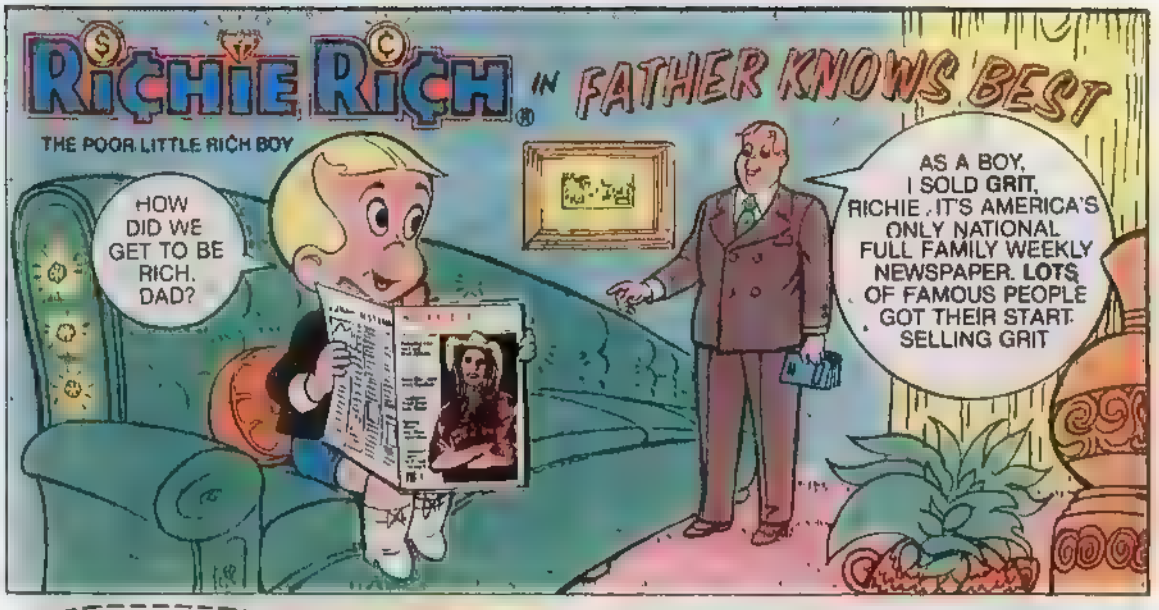
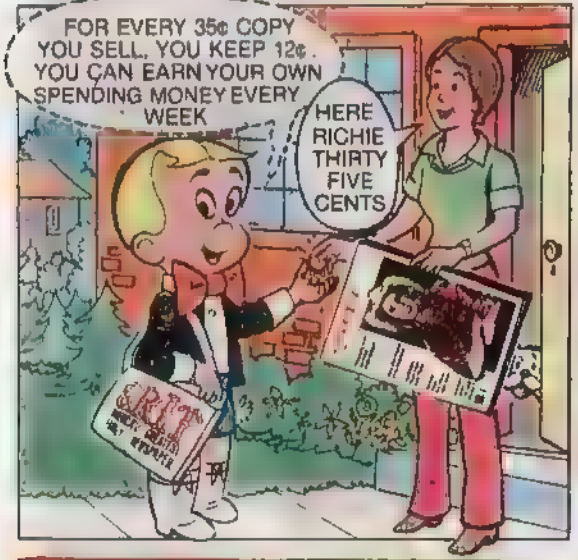
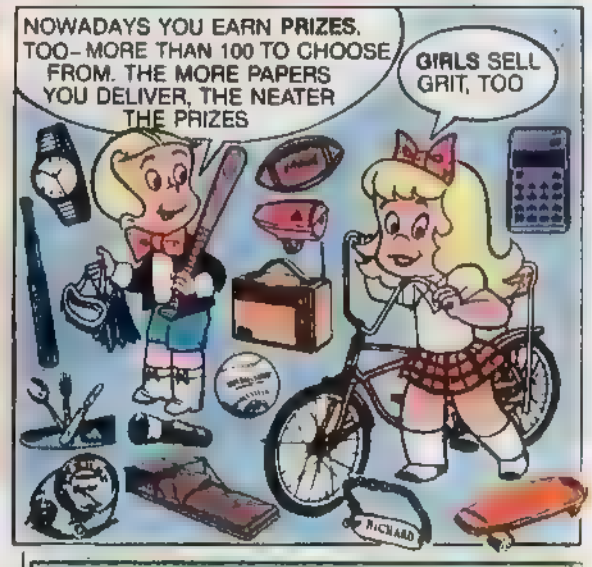

RICHIE RICH IN FATHER KNOWS BEST
THE POOR LITTLE RICH BOY
HOW DID WE GET TO BE RICH, DAD?
AS A BOY, I SOLD GRIT, RICHIE. IT'S AMERICA'S ONLY NATIONAL FULL FAMILY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER. LOTS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE GOT THEIR START SELLING GRIT




NOWADAYS YOU EARN PRIZES, TOO– MORE THAN 100 TO CHOOSE FROM. THE MORE PAPERS YOU DELIVER, THE NEATER THE PRIZES
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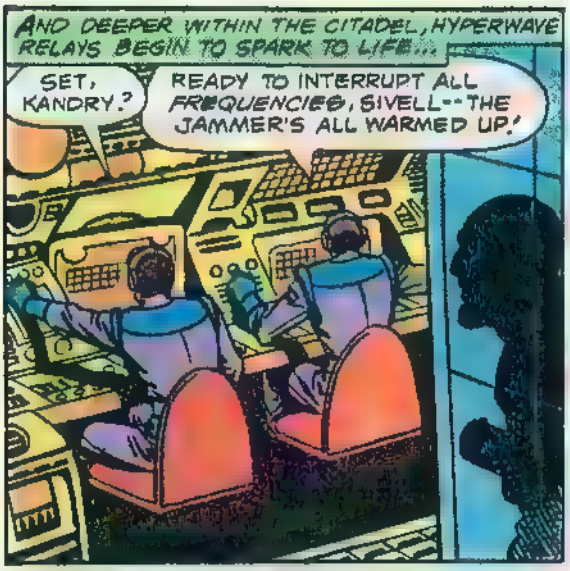
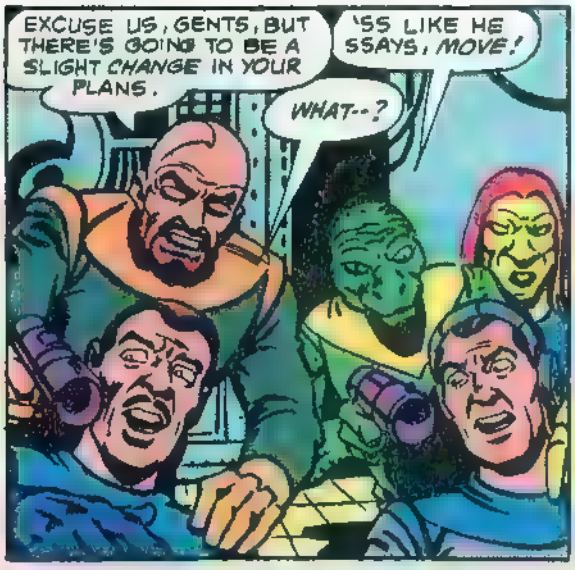
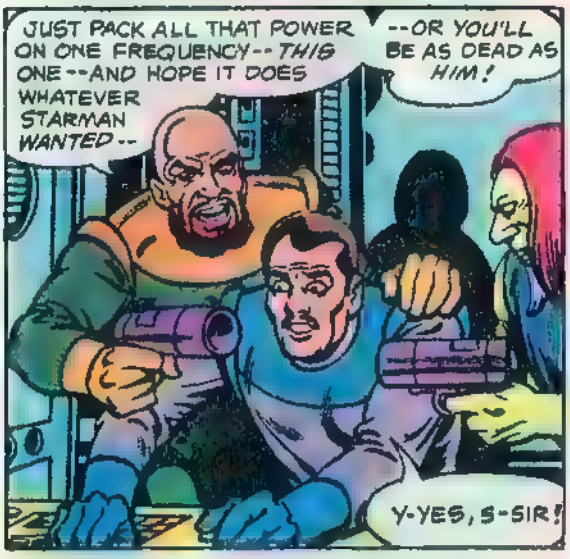
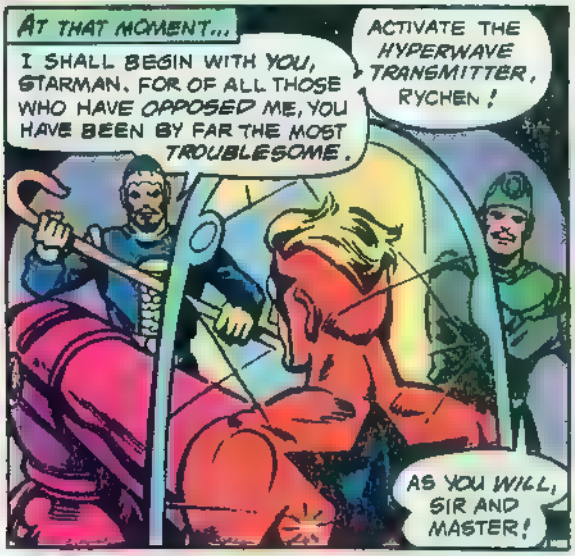
WHAT THE BLAZES ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH IT?
THE QUESTION IS LOST TO THE BURNING SANDS BELOW, AND AS THE HOURS PASS...
HAVE YOU PREPARED EVERYTHING, COMMODORE?
COULD I DO LESS, OH LORD PROTECTOR? YOU KNOW I BUT LIVE TO SERVE!
YOU LIVE TO SERVE YOURSELF, RYCHEN, IT'S SIMPLY THAT YOU THINK YOU BEST DO THAT BY SERVING ME.
YOU MISJUDGE--
ENOUGH, I WOULD ENJOY THE LAST MOMENTS BEFORE I AM ENTHRONED.
THERE, SIR AND MASTER, ALL READY TO BE SENT OVER THE HYPERWAVE THROUGHOUT THE IMPERIUM SO THAT YOU MAY DECLARE YOUR VICTORY!
GOOD. IN THAT CASE, THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR FURTHER DELAY--
--WITH MN'TORR'S STAFF I SHALL AMPLIFY THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THAT RAY CANNON--
--AND BEGIN MY REIGN!


AND DEEPER WITHIN THE CITADEL, HYPERWAVE RELAYS BEGIN TO SPARK TO LIFE...
SET, KANDRY?
READY TO INTERRUPT ALL FREQUENCIES, SIVELL--THE JAMMER'S ALL WARMED UP!


EXCUSE US, GENTS, BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE A SLIGHT CHANGE IN YOUR PLANS.
'SS LIKE HE SSAYS, MOVE!
WHAT--?


JUST PACK ALL THAT POWER ON ONE FREQUENCY--THIS ONE--AND HOPE IT DOES WHATEVER STARMAN WANTED--
--OR YOU'LL BE AS DEAD AS HIM!
Y-YES, S-SIR!


AT THAT MOMENT...
I SHALL BEGIN WITH YOU, STARMAN. FOR OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE OPPOSED ME, YOU HAVE BEEN BY FAR THE MOST TROUBLESOME.
ACTIVATE THE HYPERWAVE TRANSMITTER, RYCHEN!
AS YOU WILL, SIR AND MASTER!

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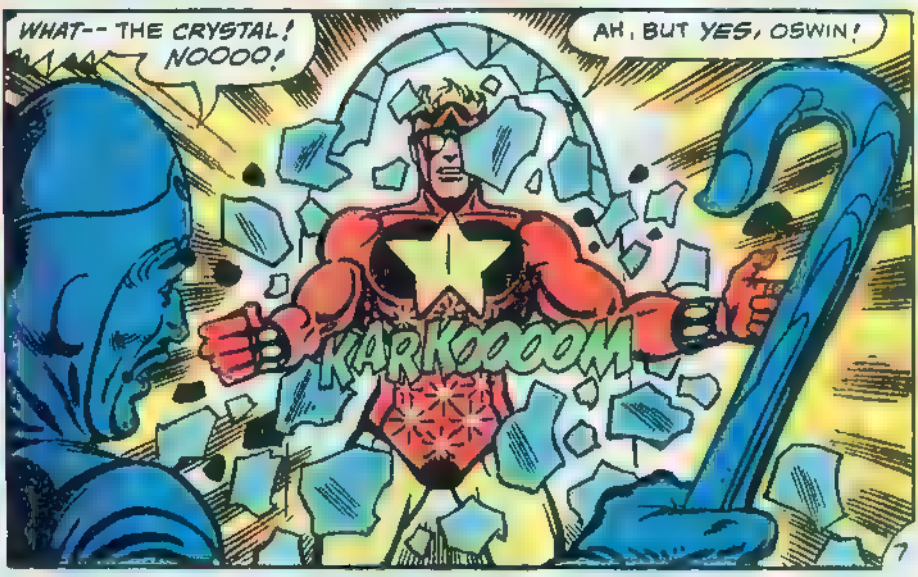
WHAT-- THE CRYSTAL! NOOOO!
AH, BUT YES, OSWIN!
KARKOOOOM

YOU MAY HAVE MADE THAT CRYSTAL IMPERVIOUS TO MY POWERS, BUT YOU FORGOT THAT ALL CRYSTAL CAN BE SHATTERED--BY THE RIGHT FREQUENCY OF VIBRATION!
NO MATTER, STARMAN!
I'VE BESTED YOU BEFORE WITH THIS STAFF, AND I SHALL DO SO AGAIN!
I THINK NOT, OSWIN!
THIS TIME I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO! IT'S THE STAFF THAT IS THE SOURCE OF ALL YOUR POWER--
--AND SO IT'S THE STAFF THAT I MUST DESTROY!
NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!
KA-BOOM
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I CAN'T TELL, YOUR MAJESTY --I CAN'T SEE!
BY THE RIFT!

THEY'RE GONE!
NO...STARMAN CAN'T BE GONE ...HE CAN'T!
'SSTRUTH, EMPRESS! MY EYES SEES DEEPER INTO THE INFRAREDS THAN HUMANS'ESS.' THEY'SS VANISHED IN THAT STARBURST!
BUT HE'S BOUGHT YOU BACK YOUR THRONE, MAJESTY
WITH OSWIN DEAD, HIS MEN WILL OBEY YOU! IN FACT, THEY'LL DO ANYTHING IN HOPES OF A PARDON!
PARDON? ATTEND TO IT AS YOU WILL, JEDIAH... I SHALL RELY ON YOU AS STARMAN DID.
I WOULD HAVE MADE HIM EMPEROR, YOU KNOW... I THINK HE KNEW THAT, TOO. AT LEAST I HOPE HE DID.
I HOPE HE KNEW HOW I FELT ABOUT HIM.
SHE NEVER FIGURED IT OUT, DID SHE, JEDIAH? DOESN'T SHE REALIZE SHE'S MOURNING FOR HER OWN BROTHER--WHO SHE WOULD HAVE ORDERED KILLED IF SHE KNEW HE WAS ALIVE?
OF COURSE NOT, M'LADY. SHE'S MOURNING STARMAN, NOT PRINCE GAVYN...
...IT'S ONLY US THAT KNOW THE PRINCE HAS DIED... AGAIN.
JEDIAH! T-THE GROUND... LOOK!
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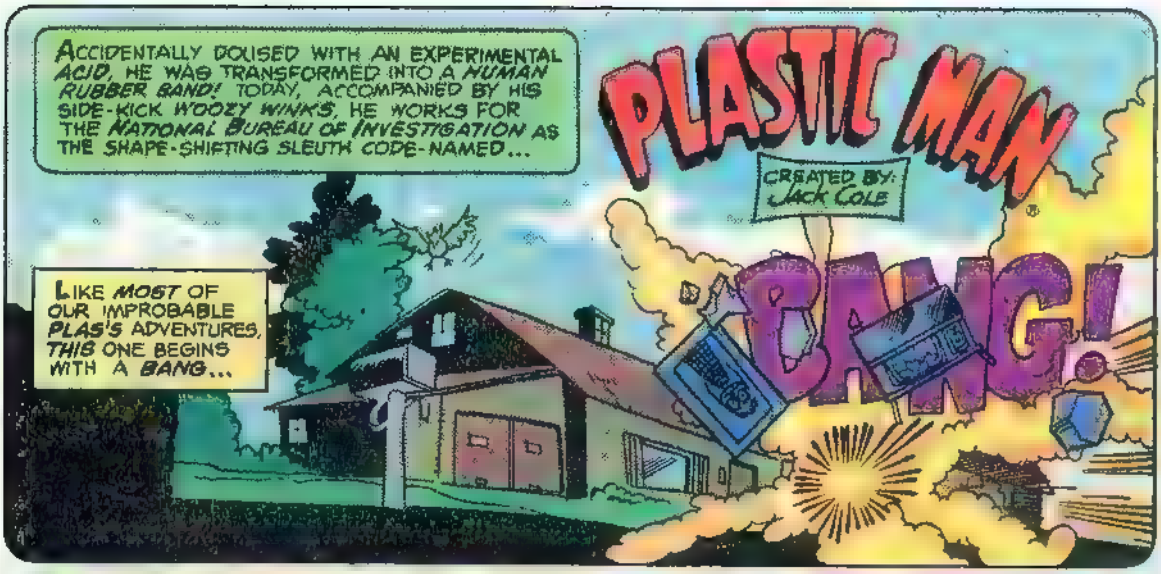
ACCIDENTALLY DOUSED WITH AN EXPERIMENTAL ACID, HE WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A HUMAN RUBBER BAND! TODAY, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SIDE-KICK WOOZY WINKS, HE WORKS FOR THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AS THE SHAPE-SHIFTING SLEUTH CODE-NAMED...
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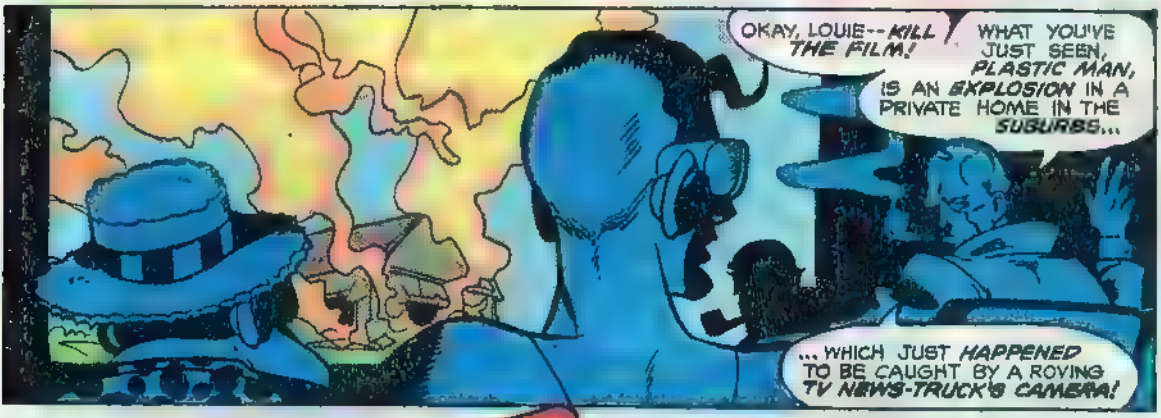
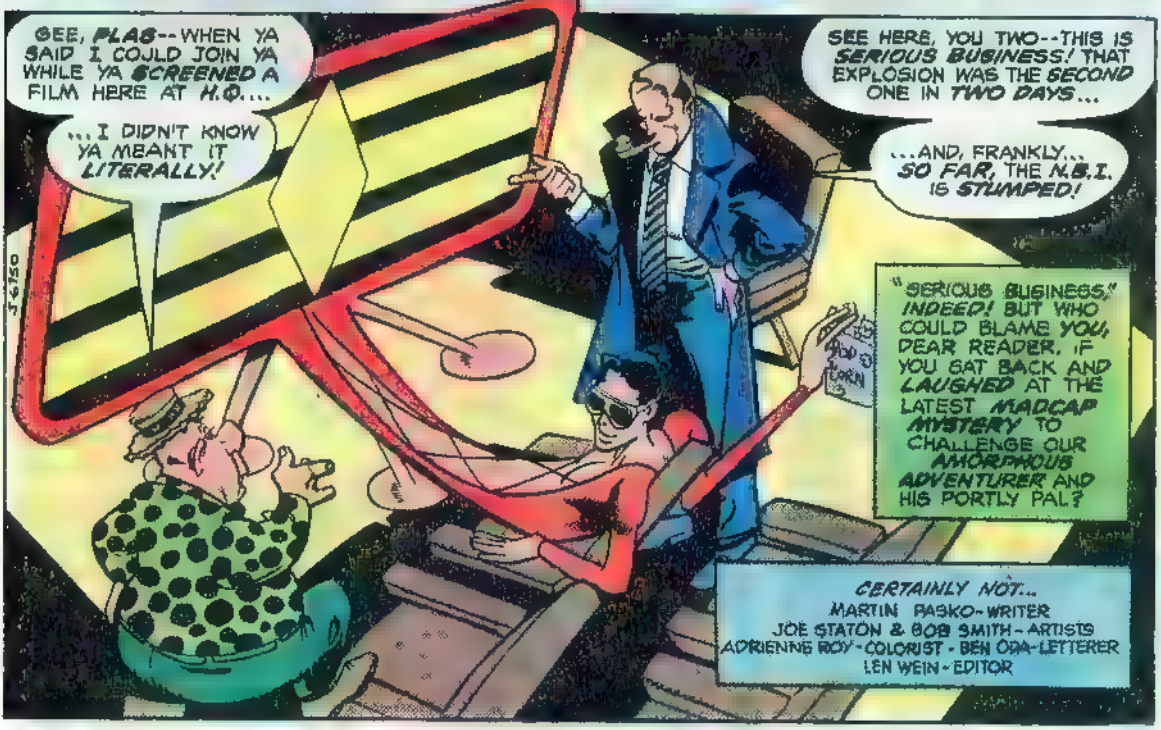
LIKE MOST OF OUR IMPROBABLE PLAS'S ADVENTURES, THIS ONE BEGINS WITH A BANG...
BANG!


OKAY, LOUIE--KILL THE FILM!
WHAT YOU'VE JUST SEEN, PLASTIC MAN, IS AN EXPLOSION IN A PRIVATE HOME IN THE SUBURBS...
...WHICH JUST HAPPENED TO BE CAUGHT BY A ROVING TV NEWS-TRUCK'S CAMERA!


GEE, PLAS--WHEN YA SAID I COULD JOIN YA WHILE YA SCREENED A FILM HERE AT H.Q....
...I DIDN'T KNOW YA MEANT IT LITERALLY!
SEE HERE, YOU TWO--THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS! THAT EXPLOSION WAS THE SECOND ONE IN TWO DAYS...
...AND, FRANKLY... SO FAR, THE N.B.I. IS STUMPED!
"SERIOUS BUSINESS," INDEED! BUT WHO COULD BLAME YOU, DEAR READER, IF YOU SAT BACK AND LAUGHED AT THE LATEST MADCAP MYSTERY TO CHALLENGE OUR AMORPHOUS ADVENTURER AND HIS PORTLY PAL?
CERTAINLY NOT...
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ALL WE KNOW IS THAT BOTH BLASTS OCCURRED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5 AND 6 A.M.!
THE FIRST OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A HOME ON BUTTERFIELD STREET-- DESTROYING A REFRIGERATOR, TWO TOASTERS, AND A CUISINART...
...AND-- OH, YES-- KILLING THE OCCUPANT OF THE HOUSE!
THE SECOND EXPLOSION BLEW OUT AN ENTIRE BREAKFAST NOOK ON ROQUEFORT DRIVE-- ALSO KILLING THE RESIDENT!
DID THE TWO BLASTS HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON, CHIEF?
YES-- THE VICTIMS.
BOTH OF THEM SAT ON THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF A LOT OF THE SAME CORPORATIONS!
STILL, WE CAN'T FIGURE OUT THE KILLER'S MOTIVES --OR HIS METHOD!
THAT'S WHY --DESPITE THE RIDICULOUSLY EARLY HOUR-- YOU'VE BEEN CALLED IN, PLASTIC MAN!
"IF THERE'S ANOTHER EXPLOSION THIS MORNING, YOU'LL BE HERE TO INVESTIGATE AND, HOPEFULLY, FIND SOME CLUES OUR OTHER AGENTS COULDN'T!"
OH, LOOK, PUSSIES--THE MILKMAN'S BEEN HERE!
OKAY, BOSS--MRS. FELIX GOT HER CREAM! ONLY SHE DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S LACED WITH 100 MILLIGRAMS OF--
--LACTOGLYCERINE! HEH-HEH!
EXCELLENT! MRS. FELICITY FELIX, YOUR MINUTES ARE NUMBERED! HA-HAH!
TIME FOR YOUR WEEKLY CREAM TREAT, PUSSIES! COME AND GET IT!
HOWEVER--WHEN MRS. FELIX PRIES OFF THE BOTTLE-CAP...
KA-BOOM!
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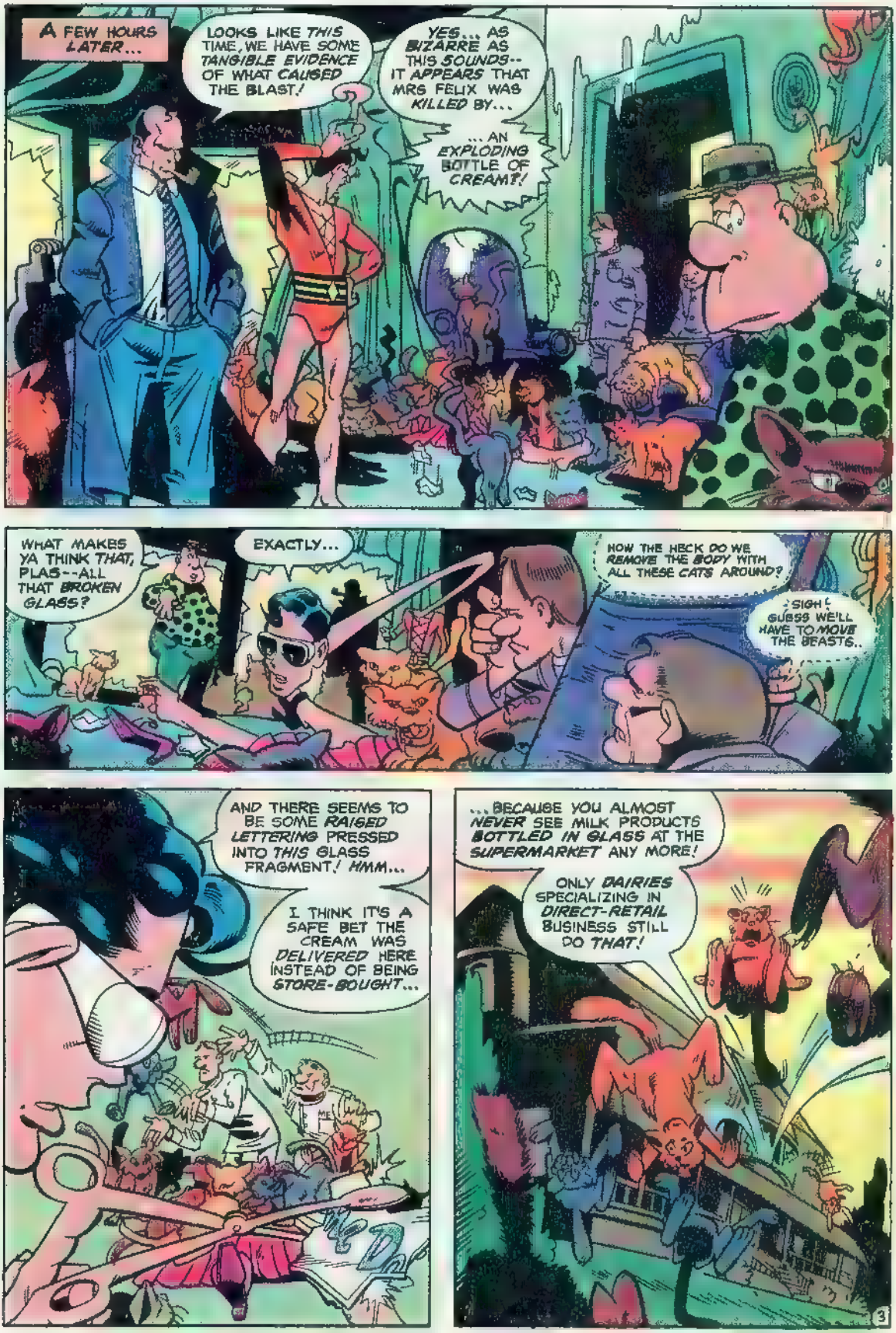
A FEW HOURS LATER...
LOOKS LIKE THIS TIME, WE HAVE SOME TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF WHAT CAUSED THE BLAST!
YES... AS BIZARRE AS THIS SOUNDS-- IT APPEARS THAT MRS FELIX WAS KILLED BY...
...AN EXPLODING BOTTLE OF CREAM!
WHAT MAKES YA THINK THAT, PLAS--ALL THAT BROKEN GLASS?
EXACTLY...
HOW THE HECK DO WE REMOVE THE BODY WITH ALL THESE CATS AROUND?
SIGH! GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE THE BEASTS..
AND THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME RAISED LETTERING PRESSED INTO THIS GLASS FRAGMENT! HMM...
I THINK IT'S A SAFE BET THE CREAM WAS DELIVERED HERE INSTEAD OF BEING STORE-BOUGHT...
...BECAUSE YOU ALMOST NEVER SEE MILK PRODUCTS BOTTLED IN GLASS AT THE SUPERMARKET ANY MORE!
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AND AT ONE SUCH DAIRY--THAT NIGHT...
PSST! CHEESEPACE! YOU CAN COME OUT NOW--THE COAST IS CLEAR!" BUT THE PLANT'S SHUT DOWN FOR THE NIGHT!
NO PROBLEM, EDAM--I MADE A DUPLICATE OF MY KEY--
--THE PASS-KEY THE COMPANY GAVE ME, AS A TRUSTED EMPLOYEE OF 17 YEARS' STANDING
...GRUMBLE: BEFORE I WAS LAID OFF!
IF YOU HATE THIS PLACE SO MUCH, WHADDYA WANNA COME BACK HERE FOR?
Acme Dairy Product Research Laboratory
TO COLLECT THE EQUIPMENT AND THE CHEMICALS I'VE HIDDEN IN HERE, MY DEAR MR. O'GROTTIN--WHY ELSE?
YOU MEAN THE STUFF YOU USED TO MAKE THE LACTOGLYCERINE?
PRECISELY!
MEANWHILE--AT N.B.I. HEADQUARTERS...
YA MEAN YER INVESTIGATION HAS TURNED UP ONLY THREE COMPANIES IN TOWN THAT DELIVER MILK DOOR-TO-DOOR?
YES--AJAX FARMS... APEX MILK PRODUCTS... AND ACME DAIRY COMPANY--SO, OBVIOUSLY...
...THE "EXPLODING CREAM" MUST HAVE COME FROM ACME DAIRY--JUDGING FROM THAT GLASS FRAGMENT!
I JUST TALKED TO ONE OF OUR FIELD-AGENTS--HE SAYS THAT ALL OF THE EXPLOSION-VICTIMS...
...WERE ON ACME DAIRY DELIVERY-ROUTES!
THIS CLINCHES IT--THE "MILK BOMBER" IS SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH ACME! I WANT YOU TO GET OUT TO THEIR PLANT--
--AND SNOOP AROUND FOR CLUES? MY THINKING EXACTLY, CHIEF!
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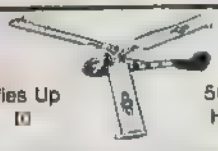

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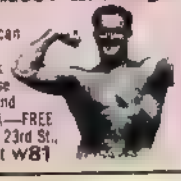

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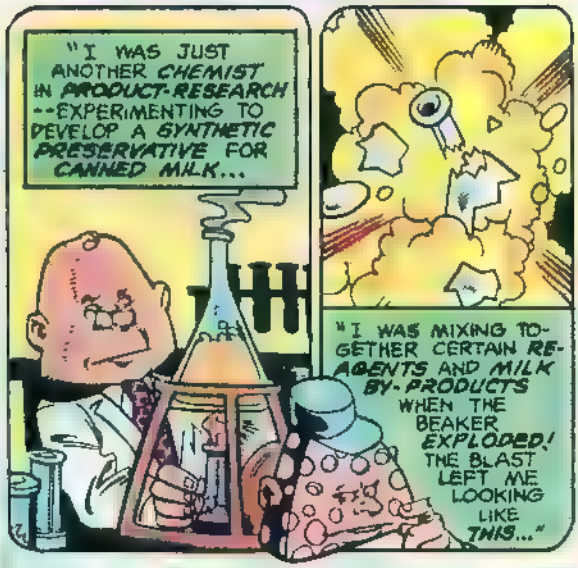
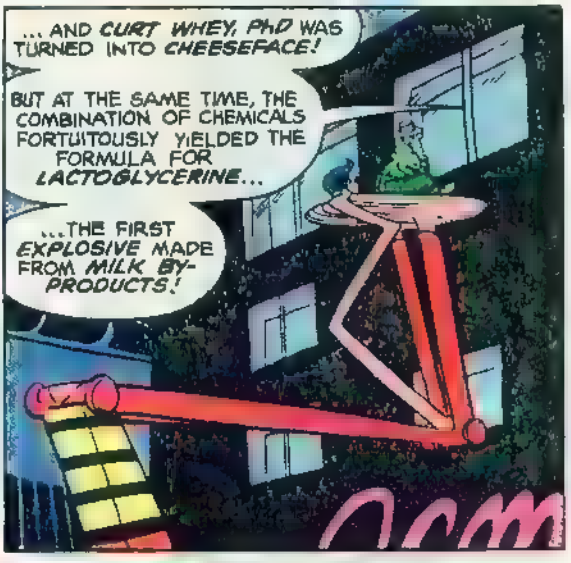
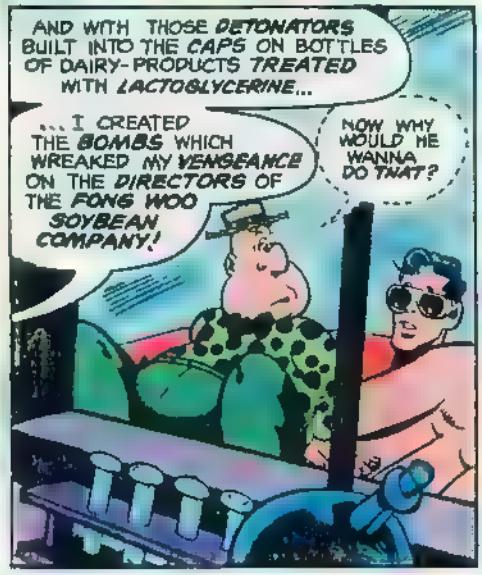
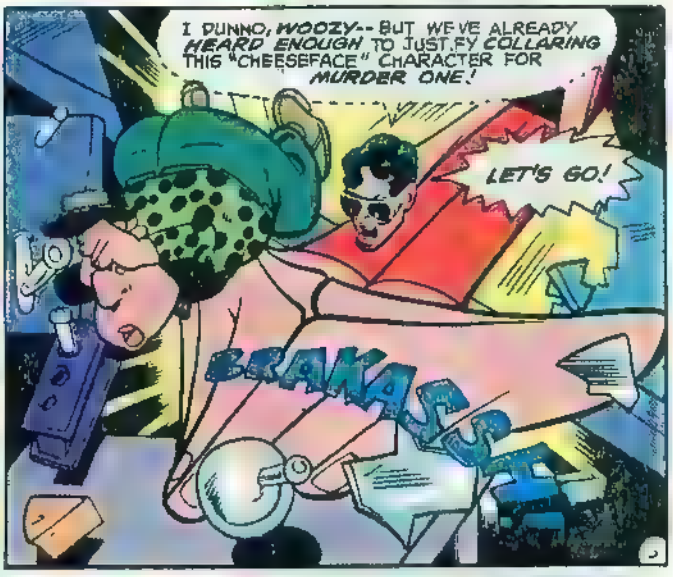
AFTER ALL, I'VE GOT 17 YEARS' WORTH OF HAPPY MEMORIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PLACE!

YOU CALL TH' ACCIDENT THAT TURNED YOU INTO "CHEESEFACE" A HAPPY MEMORY?
IN A WAY--YES! IT'S ONLY THANKS TO THAT ACCIDENT THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DESTROY MY ENEMIES!
AND TO THINK IT ALL STARTED AT THAT VERY LAB-TABLE...


"I WAS JUST ANOTHER CHEMIST IN PRODUCT-RESEARCH --EXPERIMENTING TO DEVELOP A SYNTHETIC PRESERVATIVE FOR CANNED MILK...
"I WAS MIXING TOGETHER CERTAIN REAGENTS AND MILK BY-PRODUCTS WHEN THE BEAKER EXPLODED! THE BLAST LEFT ME LOOKING LIKE THIS..."


...AND CURT WHEY, PhD WAS TURNED INTO CHEESEFACE!
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE COMBINATION OF CHEMICALS FORTUITOUSLY YIELDED THE FORMULA FOR LACTOGLYCERINE...
...THE FIRST EXPLOSIVE MADE FROM MILK BY-PRODUCTS!


AND WITH THOSE DETONATORS BUILT INTO THE CAPS ON BOTTLES OF DAIRY-PRODUCTS TREATED WITH LACTOGLYCERINE...
...I CREATED THE BOMBS WHICH WREAKED MY VENGEANCE ON THE DIRECTORS OF THE FONG WOO SOYBEAN COMPANY!
NOW WHY WOULD HE WANNA DO THAT?


I DUNNO, WOOZY--BUT WE'VE ALREADY HEARD ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY COLLARING THIS "CHEESEFACE" CHARACTER FOR MURDER ONE!
LET'S GO!
BRAKA

SO YOU SEE, O'GROTTIN, I HAVE A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR--EH?!
INCLUDING ME, "CHEESEFACE"?
PLASTIC MAN?!
OWW!
KLUD
THAT'S RIGHT--AND I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU HOW TO BOTTLE UP YOUR HOSTILITIES... HEH HEH...
OH, NO! THAT BEAKER HEADED STRAIGHT FOR WOOZY--IT'S FILLED WITH THAT EXPLOSIVE!
I HATE TO LET "CHEESEFACE" GO, BUT I'VE GOT TO--OR THEY'LL BE PICKING WOOZY UP WITH A SPONGE!
BAWHOOM!
...BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY, THAT "LACTOGLYCERINE" WORKS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME WAY NITROGLYCERINE DOES--!
Acme Dairy
HURRY, O'GROTTIN!--THERE'S STILL ONE LAST ENEMY WE MUST ELIMINATE!
MY REVENGE WILL NOT BE COMPLETE UNTIL OLD FONG WOO HIMSELF IS DEAD!
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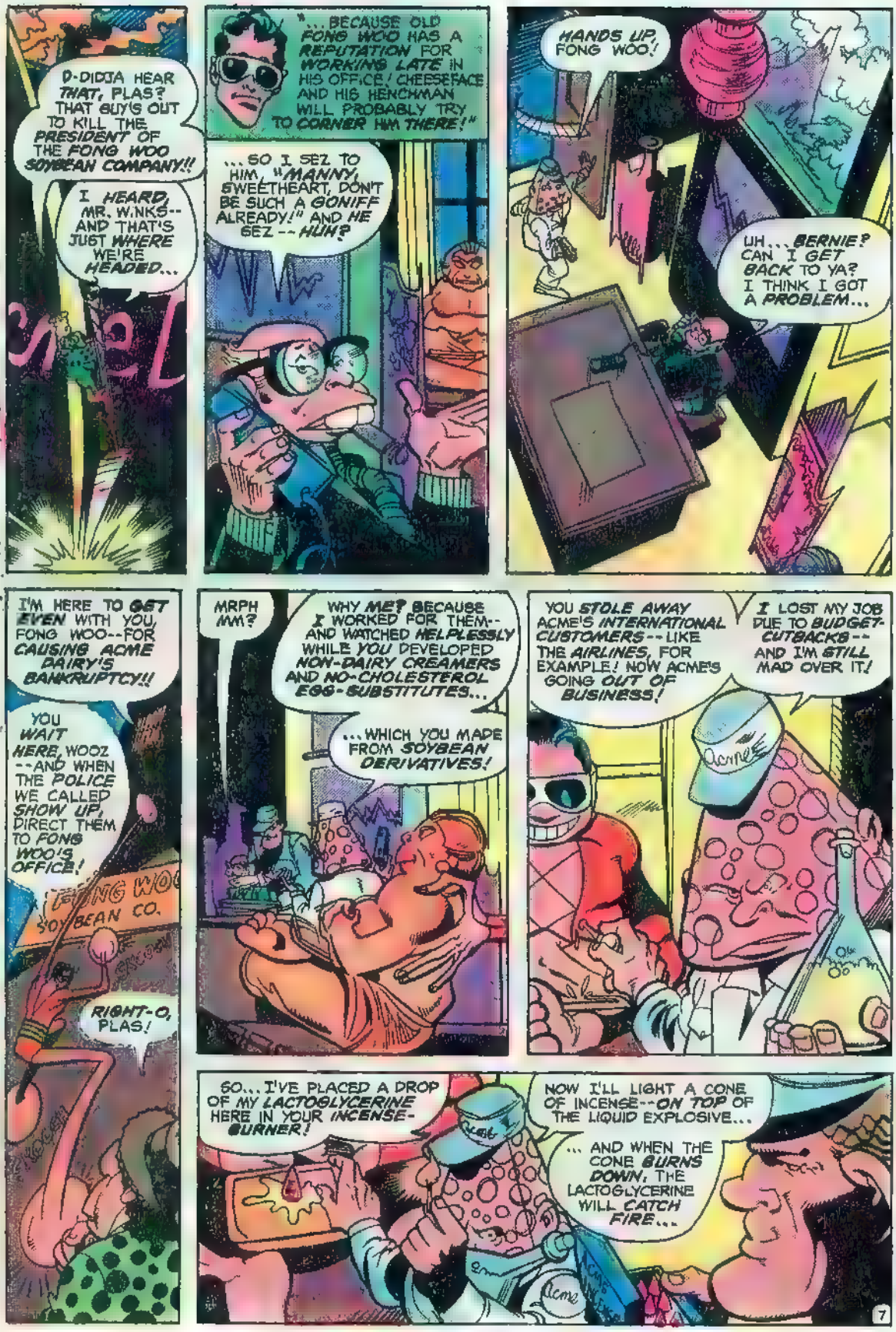
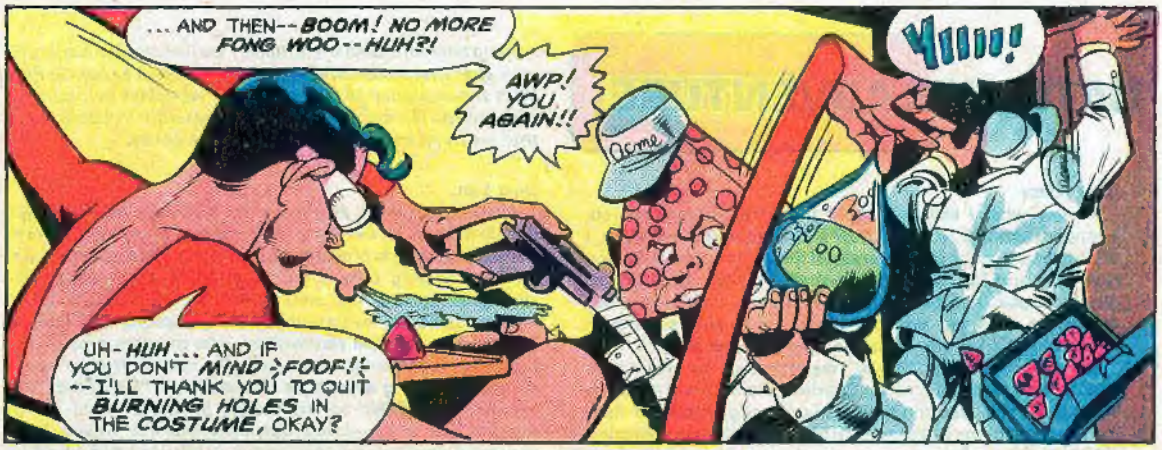
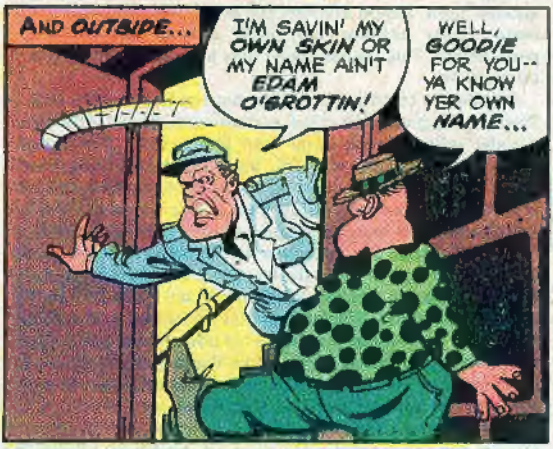
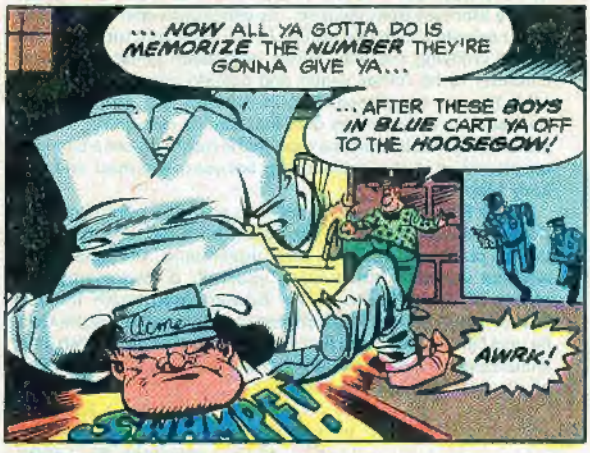
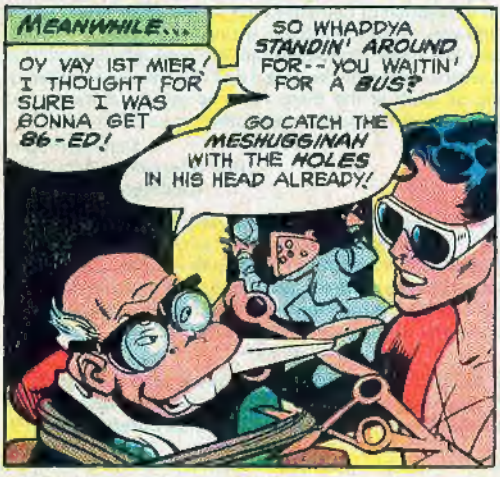
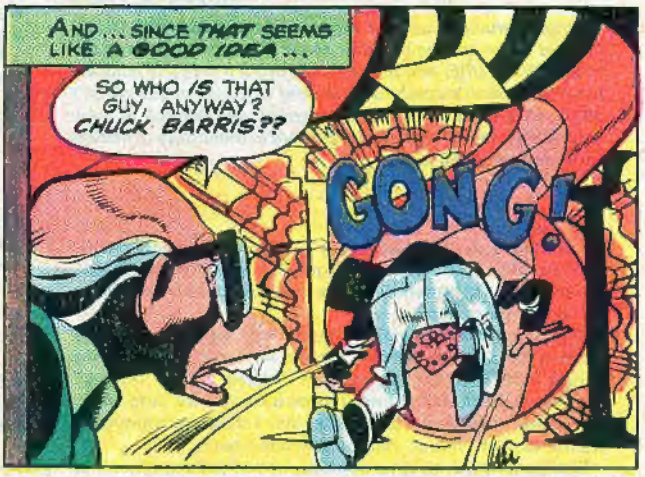

D-DIDJA HEAR THAT, PLAS? THAT GUY'S OUT TO KILL THE PRESIDENT OF THE FONG WOO SOYBEAN COMPANY!!
I HEARD, MR. WINKS-- AND THAT'S JUST WHERE WE'RE HEADED...
"...BECAUSE OLD FONG WOO HAS A REPUTATION FOR WORKING LATE IN HIS OFFICE! CHEESEFACE AND HIS HENCHMAN WILL PROBABLY TRY TO CORNER HIM THERE!"
...SO I SEZ TO HIM, "MANNY, SWEETHEART, DON'T BE SUCH A GONIFF ALREADY!" AND HE SEZ -- HUH?
HANDS UP, FONG WOO!
UH... BERNIE? CAN I GET BACK TO YA? I THINK I GOT A PROBLEM...
I'M HERE TO GET EVEN WITH YOU, FONG WOO--FOR CAUSING ACME DAIRY'S BANKRUPTCY!!
YOU WAIT HERE, WOOZ --AND WHEN THE POLICE WE CALLED SHOW UP, DIRECT THEM TO FONG WOO'S OFFICE!
FONG WOO SOYBEAN CO.
RIGHT-O, PLAS!
MRPH MM?
WHY ME? BECAUSE I WORKED FOR THEM-- AND WATCHED HELPLESSLY WHILE YOU DEVELOPED NON-DAIRY CREAMERS AND NO-CHOLESTEROL EGG-SUBSTITUTES...
...WHICH YOU MADE FROM SOYBEAN DERIVATIVES!
YOU STOLE AWAY ACME'S INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS -- LIKE THE AIRLINES, FOR EXAMPLE! NOW ACME'S GOING OUT OF BUSINESS!
I LOST MY JOB DUE TO BUDGET-CUTBACKS -- AND I'M STILL MAD OVER IT!
SO... I'VE PLACED A DROP OF MY LACTOGLYCERINE HERE IN YOUR INCENSE-BURNER!
NOW I'LL LIGHT A CONE OF INCENSE--ON TOP OF THE LIQUID EXPLOSIVE...
... AND WHEN THE CONE BURNS DOWN, THE LACTOGLYCERINE WILL CATCH FIRE...


... AND THEN--BOOM! NO MORE FONG WOO--HUH?!
AWP! YOU AGAIN!!
YIIIII!
UH-HUH... AND IF YOU DON'T MIND ;FOOF!; --I'LL THANK YOU TO QUIT BURNING HOLES IN THE COSTUME, OKAY?


AND OUTSIDE...
I'M SAVIN' MY OWN SKIN OR MY NAME AIN'T EDAM O'GROTTIN!
WELL, GOODIE FOR YOU-- YA KNOW YER OWN NAME...


... NOW ALL YA GOTTA DO IS MEMORIZE THE NUMBER THEY'RE GONNA GIVE YA...
... AFTER THESE BOYS IN BLUE CART YA OFF TO THE HOOSEGOW!
AWRK!
SMAMP!


MEANWHILE...
OY VAY IST MIER! I THOUGHT FOR SURE I WAS GONNA GET 86-ED!
SO WHADDYA STANDIN' AROUND FOR-- YOU WAITIN' FOR A BUS?
GO CATCH THE MESHUGGINAH WITH THE HOLES IN HIS HEAD ALREADY!


AND... SINCE THAT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD IDEA...
SO WHO IS THAT GUY, ANYWAY? CHUCK BARRIS??
GONG!

AND SO...
THWART MY REVENGE, WILL YOU? YOU'LL BE SORRY!
YOU'D BUTTER NOT GET YOURSELF TOO CHURNED UP OVER IT, CHEESEFACE--YOU'RE GONNA BE IN JAIL A LONG WHILE...
--UNLESS THEY GIVE YA TIME OFF FOR GOUDA BEHAVIOR ;HEH-HEH;...
;GROAN!; WOOZY, PLEASE...
NEXT ISSUE:
WATCH OUT FOR ROXANNE ROLLER, THE "BOOGIE-IN' BANDIT"-- SKATING HER WAY TO GRAND LARCENY AND MAKING LIFE MISERABLE FOR... DISCO PLASTIC MAN?!?
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DATELINE: ADVENTURE

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Dear Editor:

Y'know what I like *best* about the latest new, improved, stronger-than-dirt ADVENTURE? If I had to name one thing, I think it would be the total *diversity* of the co-features. Not since Nick Fury and Stephen Strange shared billing, have a more dissimilar pair than Starman and Plas been combined under one cover. And yet, oddly, it works, each strip serving to reinforce the separate, disparate appeal of the other.

Starman, the more "typical" superhero of the two, reads almost like a throwback to the Charlton characters of about 15 years or so ago...and the feeling of deja vu goes further than the nostalgia of the Ditko style. To be honest, I began collecting ADVENTURE for Plas, and was prepared to dislike or at least ignore Starman from the start...its simplistic superhero format didn't exactly sound like my cup of tea. Well, as it turns out, I'm rather enjoying the way things have been going. True, you continue to be rather vague and pseudo-mystical wherever Mn' Torr is concerned...but in general the strip has an unassuming charm all its own that's kinda refreshing, almost naive if you will. It would be nice, in the future, to see a bit more development in the relationship between Starman and the Lady Merria.

As for Plas, well, what is there to say? The genius of Jack Cole's creation needs no accolades from me; and you, Len Wein, obviously respect and understand the character, whether handling the writing yourself, or overseeing the efforts of Marty Pasko. Never having cared much for Joe Staton's stuff before, I nonetheless submit that this is the strip he was *born* to draw, and that the loss would be deeply felt if he should ever decide to leave the character. I trust you're doing all you can to hold on to him?

Mark R. Yanko
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Strangely enough, we had thought of the STRANGE TALES parallel when putting together some of our first issues of the new ADVENTURE, and figured we'd see if it was still possible to sell improbable combinations. And while the results aren't all in yet, it looks like we've succeeded well enough to hang around awhile—a fair accomplishment in these days of instant cancellations in all media.

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Dear Paul,

I am really upset. I had heard so much about how terrific "Plastic Men" would be, how much better "Plastic Man" would be than the attempts at the character done in the sixties and a few years ago.

And what do we get? A humorless character with a stereotyped sidekick fighting villains with supposedly funny names like "Whirling Dervish," "Pinkeye," "The Trowel," "Brickface," etc. Marty, funny names do not a witty strip make. The humor in the Jack Cole strip lay in the characterization and situations, not "funny" names and one-liners.

Starman, however, is terrific. The type of subtle humor that should be evident in Plastic Man is here instead, strangely enough. Mn' Torr is delightful, Jediah Rikane is the courageous, macho sidekick every superhero plagued by the likes of Dolby Dickles ,and Woozy Winks dreams of, and Starman himself is wonderfully light-hearted yet still solemn at the proper time. I hate Steve Ditko's work by itself, but when someone as competent as Romeo Tanghal inks it, I love it. Take a bow, Mr. Tanghal.

If you'd just shape up Plastic Man a little, I'd subscribe in half a second. Perhaps if you got rid of Marty and put someone more competent in his place...

Jay Michael Dickson
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St. Paul, MN 55113

As long time fans of Marty's humor, we have to take issue with your characterization of him as not competent to handle Plas. With the exception of ye editor (and we admit to a touch of prejudice on our own behalf), there's no writer in comics today that we think could outdo Marty on the series.

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Dear Len:

Adventure comics, as a fine wine, improves with age. Take Plastic Man as an example; he is not one of my most favorite heroes, in fact he is probably very near last. Yet this latest set of stories involving comics first stretchable super-sleuth, are very good indeed. The stories, first by Len Wein and now Martin Pasko are serious in a very humorous way and not asinine as they could very well be. Just the right amount and right degree of humor is being used to make this strip a most enjoyable reading experience. The fantastic "Dick Tracy" like villains have added to this feeling immensely and are an integral part of the stories. Brickface and the Trowel were very good and very original, and next issue's Lowbrow looks equally good. Staton and Smith's art on this strip couldn't be better. They achieve that right mix of caricature and seriousness. This unique style really adds to the enjoyment of this feature.

Starman is coming along also, but not at the same rate as Plas. Having gotten his origin and background out of the way, I wonder what can be done with this feature. This issue's "Starman Must Die" was OK, but I am afraid that this strip could become bogged down with Lord Protector Oswin's plan after plan of getting rid of Starman. If this happens, then it is definite that this feature will go nowhere fast. And I must say that the dialogue this time was a little corny in some places. The best example of this is the last panel of page 5. It reads as if Starman is doing a television commercial! I feel that for this strip to now grow, Starman should undertake some cosmic quest of a magnitude that befits his powers; yet never losing sight of the internal struggle within the empire. However, if it is his sister rather than his lover who dies next issue, then this problem will become moot, as Oswin will sure to heir to the throne. Ditko and Tanghal work well together on this strip and provide the reader with very good art. However, I liked Jim Starlin's rendition of Captain Krydd on the cover much better than the way he was portrayed inside.

I have just heard that Aquaman will once again rejoin this comic with the changes in June. I find this a welcome addition as long as each of the three features get equal space and Aquaman is not relegated to the position as back-up!

Kent A. Phenis
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Quests you want, quests you've got! As of next issue, Starman takes off in a new cycle of Adventures as Oswin's death leaves him free to search for Mn'torr. And as for relegating Aquaman to the back, on the contrary, you'll notice he's gotten the cover spotlight twice in a row now—the first time any of our heroes has done that in the new ADVENTURE!

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